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## NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### MASS CARE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

January 26, 2009 marked the release of phase two in the Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailers (CAMET) program. From the Logistical Warehouse in Badin, NC, 15 CAMETs were deployed to 15 counties for the purpose of enhancing their mass care capabilities for pet friendly shelters.

CAMET, a mobile kennel, helps State and Local Governments meet the requirements of the Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS ACT) of 2006, which mandated that State and

Local Emergency Management agencies must account for household pets and service animals before (Preparedness), during (Response) and after (Recovery) a disaster or emergency.

“Being able to provide CAMETs to additional counties strengthens North Carolina’s emergency preparedness in animal wel-

fare, said Tim Johnson, NCEM Assistant Human Services Program Manager. “Now this gives residents the opportunity to evacuate to a shelter with their pet.”

North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture (NCDA) partnered originally, to head a task force with other organizations to work towards compliance after the law was passed. To date, the

North Carolina Department of Transportation has joined the multi-agency effort to offer their services in helping the CAMETs become provide greater support in helping the citizens of North Carolina who have companion animals.



The CAMETs are deployed through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (state-to-state) or through the North Carolina Mutual Aid Agreements that exist between North Carolina’s counties.

Additional members involved on the original task force were North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services - Public Health Division, North Carolina Department of Environmental & Natural Resources – Environmental Health Division, American Red Cross and the North Carolina State Animal Response Team (NCSART). These agencies still play an active role in the maintenance and consultation of the program.

Inside of a CAMET are supplies needed for operation. There is a total of 24 CAMETs strategically positioned across North Carolina. Nine of these CAMETs are State owned assets while 15 are County owned assets.



Inside of a CAMET

Training is conducted in areas before the CAMET is delivered to ensure operators understand the physical setup, logistic requirements, administrative requirements and overall practicality of the trailer. During this training, two important concepts are enforced. Pet owners are required to care for their own animals while their animal is housed and animals are not allowed with

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## MASS CARE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

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A CAMET is placed beside the human shelter.

The 15 CAMETs recently deployed are County-owned and the local county emergency office makes the decision of their CAMET’s deployment. These CAMETs were purchased through Department of Homeland Security funds for mass care enhancement.

The original nine State-owned CAMETs were purchased with a \$50,000 United States Humane Society donation given to NC SART for the CAMET program and with some additional funding from NCDA.

U.S. Humane Society’s donation of \$50,000 encouraged the additional funding to help build the original CAMETs and jump start the CAMET program.



Tim Johnson looks at vehicle–trailer connection.

More information can be found at <http://www.ncagrgis.com/sheltering/> and <http://nc.sartusa.org/>. Questions can be directed to Tim Johnson, (919) 715-4077 or [Tjohnson@ncem.org](mailto:Tjohnson@ncem.org).

## NC EM ACTIVATES FOR THE FIRST EMERGENCY IN 2009



On January 20, 2009, Governor Bev Perdue declared a state of emergency for North Carolina due to the winter weather storm that left 3-7 inches of snow across the state. The State Emergency Operations Center was officially activated on the

morning of the 20th, however NC EM officials began monitoring the storm over the previous extended weekend. NC Department of Transportation began pre-treating bridges, overpasses and major highways with anti-icing solution and NC State Highway

Patrol responded to 2,010 accidents because of the weather, mostly in the Triangle and Triad parts of the State. NC EM constantly communicated with the National Weather Service, and it coordinated information with local emergency management agencies.

## BENEFIT COST ANALYSIS (BCA) TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

FEMA Region IV staff will conduct a free *Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA): Entry-Level Training (E-276)* course on February 24-25 from 9am to 5pm at the DROC, located at 1830-B Tillery Place, Raleigh, NC 27604. A key eligibility requirement for FEMA and NCDEM hazard mitigation project grant funding is demonstration of cost effectiveness. This course will consist of training on the new, recently-released BCA software used by NCDEM and FEMA. Attendees will be introduced to the principles used to determine whether a proposed mitigation project is cost effective. The class allows you to use the software to demonstrate cost effectiveness. Class attendees will need to bring a laptop computer. After receiving your application, NC EM will contact you regarding how to download the BCA software needed to participate in the training. Please register using the General Admissions Application (FEMA form 75-5) and submit to NCDEM no later than Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please fax or scan and e-mail this form to the attention of Joyce Holley at (919) 715-9763 or [jholley@ncem.org](mailto:jholley@ncem.org). Reimbursements are not allowed.

## CCPS HAS A NEW SECRETARY

Reuben F. Young serves as the eleventh Secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. As CCPS secretary, he serves as the sole representative on the Governor's Cabinet for the state's law enforcement and emergency management community. He also is in charge of the state's homeland security coordination.

Secretary Young was appointed to the position in January of 2009 by Governor Bev Perdue. Immediately prior to his appointment, Young served as chief legal counsel for Governor Michael Easley.

Secretary Young received his Juris Doctorate from North Carolina Central University School of Law in 1985. A native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, he graduated from Sanderson High School in Raleigh, North Carolina and received his Bachelor of Arts from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

From 1985-1995, Secretary Young lived in Austin, Texas. He worked in the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office from 1985-1987, before entering private law practice. From 1988-1992 he worked as an assistant district attorney for Travis County before returning to private practice in 1992. In 1994, Young served as Assistant Attorney General for the state of Texas. He returned to North Carolina in 1995 and worked as both Associate and Assistant Attorney General in the N.C. Department of Justice representing the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. He remained in that department until 2001, when Governor Easley appointed Young as deputy legal counsel. He served as the governor's chief legal counsel from 2003 until his appointment as Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety.

As secretary for the department, Young also serves as a member of the Governor's Crime Commission and on the Board of Directors of the Criminal Justice Information Network. In addition, he is currently serving as chair of the State Emergency Response Commission.



CCPS Secretary Young

## FY 2009 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM WORKSHOP AT PINEHURST

Over seventy attendees, representing local first responder agencies and state agencies participated in the workshop. This intensive workshop to collated data and information from approved project proposals and to write the Investment Justifications required for North Carolina's US Department of Homeland Security FY 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) application. All totaled, the projects are potentially worth over \$17 million dollars to the State. Participants were tasked to write the FY 2009 HSGP application's Investment Justifications for review by the State Emergency Response Commission and for final approval by the State's Homeland Security Advisor.

## VIPER SITE ACTIVATIONS

Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) is a way for first responders and public safety officials from multiple agencies to communicate with one another on a single radio system. Public safety officials in North Carolina should be able to communicate directly with other public safety officials without having to relay the message through a communications center. When put in place, interoperable communications will benefit all public safety agencies when dealing with daily emergency calls and large scale disasters. For more information on VIPER: <http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000001.001148> or contact Captain Alan Melvin, NC State Highway Patrol at (919) 662-4440 or [amelvin@ncshp.org](mailto:amelvin@ncshp.org). The following VIPER sites have been established and are now operational:

- **Pea Landing in Brunswick County**
- **New Bern in Craven County**



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***"In the Business of Saving Lives and  
Protecting Property"***

The North Carolina Division of Emergency Management was formed in 1977 to coordinate the preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities of all agencies for emergency management within North Carolina. It performs this mission by planning, organizing, staffing, equipping, training, testing and activating emergency management programs during times of need.

**U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S**

<u><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>EVENT</b></u>	<u><b>LOCATION</b></u>
February 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>February 6th</b>	National Disaster Medical System <b>Deadline for Spring conference</b>	Salisbury, NC —
February 24, 2009	<b>EM Certificate Application</b> WebEOC Exercise	Statewide, Internet Based
<b>March 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup></b> March 3—9, 2009	<b>NWS Severe Weather Week</b> NC USAR Exercise	<b>Southeastern United States</b> Charlotte, NC
<b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b> March 6 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NOAA/NWS – Tornado Drill</b> NEMA Mid-Year Conference	<b>Statewide</b> Alexandria, VA
<b>March 8<sup>th</sup></b> March 8 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> NCEMA Spring Conference	— Sunset Beach, NC
<b>March 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup></b> March 30, 2009	<b>Western NC SAR Exercise</b> FY2009 HSGP Deadline	<b>Morganton, NC</b> DHS/FEMA